WELCOME VISITOR!

January 30th, 2022

We are very glad you worshipped with us today. We would like a record of your visit, so please take a few minutes and fill in the information below, tear this part off, and drop it in the offering plate.

(Please circle) Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss

Name:_____
Adress:_____
City:_____State:_____
Zip:_____

Phone:( )_____
Email:
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Help us to know your better:

◊ First time visitor

◊ New in the community

◊ Would like more information

◊ Would like personal visit

◊ I am looking for a church home

I am attending as a guest of:
_____

Are you a member of a church?
Yes No

Name of church:_____
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pope. Rather, every member is directly responsible to God and Christ (cf. 1 Corinthians 11:3; Ephesians 5:23). While there is no human hierarchy in the Lord's church, there is God-ordained leadership. The inspired writer Paul notes the existence of "bishops and deacons" in a local congregation (Philippians 1:1).

These terms are simply describing spiritual roles of "service" within the Lord's church — nothing else. Deacons are servants given specific responsibilities requiring godly character (1 Timothy 3:8-12). Bishops (also called elders or overseers (Acts 20:17; Acts 20:28), **oversee** the congregation's spiritual needs and provide the most expedient way for them to implement God's will (cf. Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-3).

While elders, deacons, and preachers have no authority **within themselves** to legislate behavior, they do have the authorization to implement **divinely legislated** behavior (Hebrews 13:17).

The Lord's church is not a democracy, but a spiritual kingdom (Matthew 16:18-19; John 18:36). Jesus is our King (1 Timothy 6:14-15) "" we are His servants (cf. Romans 1:1; Philippians 1:1; Titus 1:1. Therefore, congregational leadership is based on those individuals who have a proven record of spiritual **service** to the Lord (Mark 10:42-45).

Let us therefore honor these servant-leaders of the Lord's church by giving them our respect and full support (1 Timothy 5:17-18; cf. Matthew 10:10).

Our Mission

University Church of Christ
San Marcos, TX
Marlon & Jacky Retana

Memphis School of Preaching
Bobby Lidell
David Jimenez M.

Far East/World Evangelism
Four Seas Singapore
Peter Chin
Senatobia, MS

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Barry Hatcher
College Station, TX

New Zealand
Lance & Kristen Mosher
Chalmette Church Of Christ

David Jones
Tri-City School of Preaching
Elizabethton, TN

G. B. N.
Southaven Church Of Christ

Children's Home
Latin American Mission
& Panama
Valdosta, GA

Domingo Perez Montejo
Mexico, Palenque

Mark Lance
Chalmette Church of Christ

Berean Children's Home
Brookhaven, MS

De Gaulle Drive Church of Christ
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GONZALES CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 30th, 2022

The Leadership of the Church-God Governed

By Mike Riley

When Samuel (God's prophet and judge – 1 Samuel 3:20; 1 Samuel 7:15) grew old, he appointed his sons to preside as judges over Israel (1 Samuel 8:1). Unfortunately, their character and disposition of heart was not like that of their father (1 Samuel 8:3; cf. 1 Samuel 3:10; 1 Samuel 3:19).

In response to this problem, Israel's leaders said to Samuel, "Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make for us a king to judge us like all the nations" (1 Samuel 8:5). These men recognized the problem of a morally corrupt leadership, but their fatal mistake was putting their complete trust in a mistake-prone human being (i.e., "a king …. like all the nations"), instead of in the all-knowing God (1 John 3:20; cf. Psalm 4:5; Psalm 37:3 ; Psalm 40:4; Psalm 62:7-8; Psalm 118:8-9).

As Samuel prayed to the Lord about the matter, the Lord told Samuel, "Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them" (1 Samuel 8:7).

When the New Testament church began experiencing similar difficulties in the early second century, they unfortunately followed a similar pattern — the end result being their adoption of a man-made hierarchy in church government similar to that of the Roman Empire. However, a man-made hierarchy was never God's desire or design.

In the Lord's church, there is no board of trustees, no president, no hierarchy of religious "officials," and no

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Our Schedule

Sunday
Bible Class 9 AM
AM Worship 10 AM
PM Worship 1 PM

Wednesday
Bible Class 7 PM

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Ronald DeShazo
Michael Krieger

Deacons
Patrick Adkins
Roberto Benitez
Tracy Boone
Harold Douget
Ed Hackler
Tim Schmidt
Ben Vallery

Ministers
James Eaves
Carlos Barrientos

Attendance Record
Sunday
AM- 69
PM- 44
Wed- 49

LESSONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday:

Bible Class: Revelation 19
Scripture Reading: John 12:49-50

AM Sermon: How to Establish Authority
PM Sermon : Spiritual Leadership In the Church

Wednesday:

Bible Class: Nehemiah Chapter 8

2022 Spring Gospel Meeting: Guest Speaker: Aaron Cozart from Collierville, TN.

A Better Life Begins With You

February 11th-13th:

Friday and Saturday at 7pm

Sunday at 9am, 10am and 1pm

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

February Anniversaries:

- 3rd Jim and Wilburta Arrowood
- 5th Mike and Gwynne Krieger

February Birthdays:

1st Chellena Bryant

2nd George Lovett

4th Charlotte DeShazo

Bible Bowl Practice Schedule:

(Sunday Practice, After PM Service)

Feb. 6th

Feb. 20th

Saturday Practice:

March 12th 10am-4pm

Friday Practice/Set-up

March 18th 7pm-9:30pm

Bible Bowl:

March 19th

Privileged to Serve 1-30-2022

AM & PM Assembly
Song Leader…… D Teer
Lord's Table…… B Duplessis, Jr
AV Room…… A/P
Announcements…….. Joel W.

AM Assembly
Greeters…….. GCoC
Opening Prayer…… B Vallery
Scripture…….. Blake Adkins
Closing Prayer…….. T Schmidt

PM Assembly
Opening Prayer…… D Kyle
Closing Prayer…….. J Deslatte

Wed Assembly
Song Leader…….. H Douget
Invitation…….. Tim Schmidt
Closing Prayer……. T King

Privileged to Serve 2-06-2022

AM & PM Assembly
Song Leader…… TBD
Lord's Table……
AV Room…… McWilliams
Announcements……..

AM Assembly
Greeters…….. GCoC
Opening Prayer……
Scripture……..
Closing Prayer……..

PM Assembly
Opening Prayer……
Closing Prayer……..

Wed Assembly
Song Leader……..
Invitation…….. Colin Schmidt
Closing Prayer…….

ATTENTION:

If you need to make a change to the online church directory please contact Amanda Eaves (225-931-4040). You may also use this slip to write down directory corrections and give them directly to her.

Your Name:_____

Prayer Requests: _____

Alternatively, you may text Patrick Adkins any updates to the prayer list. 225-205-7109